

## REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

With regard to the Examiner's objections to the drawings that in Figure 1 the number "3" is utilized below the reference number "2", that particular amendment has already been incorporated in response to the previous Office Action, filed on January 12, 2009, wherein applicant submitted corrected drawings which obviate the particular drawing objection raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action of March 6, 2009. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that this particular objection to the drawing be withdrawn, inasmuch as reference numeral "3" set forth below reference numeral "2" has been corrected to read as reference numeral "13".

Reverting to the rejection of the claims, applicant notes the rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 6-23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraph for being indefinite and adding new matter. However, apparently the foregoing is due to a line in original Claim 5 having been inadvertently omitted upon being typed in the Preliminary Amendment of September 15, 2006, and the grammatical error subsequently carried over into Claim 1 in the previous Amendment of January 12, 2009.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended herein by inserting the inadvertently omitted text, which indicates that the overall length L of the valve is determinable between a second end of the second housing part and the bearing surface of the first housing part by a depth to which the first end of the second housing part is pressed into the first housing part. Consequently, the foregoing language in the amended Claim 1, which includes the limitations of previously cancelled Claims 2 and 3, and original Claim 5 (prior to the submission of the Preliminary Amendment) provides for the

clarity that should now meet all of the Examiner's rejections with regard to 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, without the submission of any new matter. Moreover, the term "pressing-in depth" is clear insofar as terminology is concerned, inasmuch as this pertains to the portion of the second housing part, which is pressed into the first housing part, whereby the first housing part is pressed onto a first end of the second housing part. Consequently, the pressing-in depth determines the overall length L of the valve, as now clearly defined in the amended claims.

Reverting to the art of record, applicant reiterates the previously submitted traversing argument noting the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Gute, U.S. Patent No. 5,107,890; the rejection of Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 12-14, 16-19, 22 and 23 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tarnay, et al. in view of Burke, et al.; the rejection of these claims also as being unpatentable over Parker, et al. in view of Gute; the rejection of Claim 4 as being unpatentable over Gute in view of Cook; the rejection of Claims 19 and 20 as being unpatentable over Parker, et al. in view of Gute, as applied to Claim 18, further in view of Cook; and the rejection of Claims 1-13, 16-20 and 21-23 as being unpatentable over Knapp in view of Barton, as detailed in the Office Action.

Although the Examiner has to some extent shifted the consideration of the prior art from the citations in the previous Office Action, applicant respectfully submits that the amended Claim 1 now clearly defines the overall length of the present valve through the incorporation of the further clarifying language into Claim 1, which was inadvertently omitted in previous therein included Claim 5.

Furthermore, with regard to the rejection of the claims, as being either anticipated by or unpatentable over the art of record, applicant respectfully submits that none of the references of record provide the type of structure, as set forth and claimed herein in the amended claims, since

none of the currently cited prior art publications, similar to the previously cited prior art, provide for any determination of the overall length of a valve with a first housing part comprising a closing body and a second housing part by an insertion of the valve into a receiving recess for receiving the housing part. Consequently, there is not provided any kind of capability in the prior art of a specific determination of an overall length during the mounting of the valve into the receiving recess of a valve carrier, which may in the prior art readily lead to poor inadequate sealing properties between the various valve and housing components.

Consequently, as clearly set forth in the amended Claim 1, which incorporates the limitations of original Claims 2, 3 and amended Claim 5, the valve which is insertable into receiving recesses of valve carriers possessing different lengths, are able to reduce requirements in implementing the precision of tolerances for the various components.

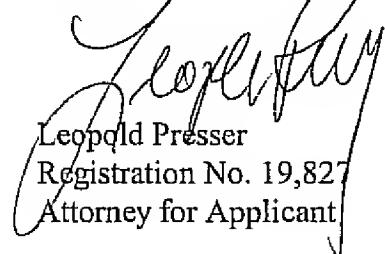
This is clearly described on Page 15, lines 16-18 of the present specification, whereby the overall length of the valve is always adapted automatically to a specific valve carrier into which it is inserted.

The particular structure, as set forth in the claims, wherein the second housing part is insertable into a first housing part, whereby the first housing part is pressed onto the first end of the second housing part, and wherein a second end of the second housing part and the bearing surface of the first housing part is pressed-in by a depth to which the first end of the second housing part is measured into the first housing part enables the determination of the overall length of the valve upon the insertion of the valve into a receiving recess of a valve carrier.

Accordingly, the claims, as now presented herein, are clearly and unambiguously directed to novel and patentable subject matter, and the early and favorable reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that

the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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